

Akrom Kest 2016

Celebrating the Akan Culture in America

NANA YAO OPARE DINIZULU I AND NANA AKUA OPAREBEA

Akwaabaa!(Welcome) to all who have come to participate in this wondrous celebration! This year will mark the 45th anniversary of the Akan culture in the United States. I am forever grateful to all my teachers - fathers, mothers, brothers, sister, aunties, and uncles - who have all had an impact on my life and who have helped shape the man you see today. I am forever optimistic about the future of the Akans in America. There have been great strides in the development of our spirituality. In addition, we have traveled and seen much over the years. As we celebrate Nana Akua Oparebea and Nana Yao Opare Dinizulu as the founders of Akan Culture in America, we must never forget the foot soldiers who carried and maintained their vision of restoring our people's culture and heritage. We can proudly proclaim to be the product of our founders and I pray that



Ti koro nko agyina

Literally: One head (or person) does not hold council.

the Abosum (Gods) and the Ancestors continue to bless and strengthen us all and that our time together will bring healing and forgiveness. I strongly believe we all have pieces of the puzzle and when we come together in constructive dialogue, filled with respect and love, we can learn from each other. Then and only then, will the true power of the Abosum and Ancestors be revealed to us.

Reflect on the Akan proverb, “**Ti koro nko agyina**” It is time for us to come together under the umbrella of unity and build on the foundation our forefathers envisioned for Africans and Africans in the diaspora. The future is in our hands. Let us allow this celebration to continue our growth as Akans in America.

Abusia Baako, Mogya Nso Baako (One family, One blood)

A special thank you to the organizing committee: Okomfo Akosua Baakan Yisrael, Nana Afua Ababio, and Okomfo Fofie Abaogyewa. Your support made a tremendous impact on the success of this event.

Again, Welcome!

Okomfo Dr. Kwesi Amoa

Program

Libation Nana Adwoa Afoa Barkang,
Okomfo Panyin , Nana Asuo
Gyebi Shrine, Kubease Larteh

Welcome Okomfo Dr. Kwesi Amoa

History Okomfo Dr. Ama Boakyewa

Acknowledgments Okomfo Dr. Kwesi Amoa

Purification (Jump the fire)

Akom Akan Family

Refreshments Cuz Eric

History¹

A Brief History of Akan Culture in the United States of America

In 1965, Nana Yao Opere Dinizulu traveled to Ghana, West Africa in search of his roots. Although he had the pick of the map, Ghana was the place that called to his spirit. Boxing promoter, the late Mr. G.W. Amantefio, and his childhood friend the late Arist Neequaye, introduced Nana Dinizulu to Nana Okomfohene Akua Operebea, head-priestess of the Nana Akonedi Shrine in Kubease, Larteh, Ghana. Nana Operebea's mother, Ohemmea Aba Oyedi, possessed one of the shrine's deities and divined that Nana Dinizulu's enslaved ancestors were part of the Akan people of Ghana. They declared Nana Dinizulu a descendant of her family who had been captured and sold into slavery. At that time, they charged Nana Dinizulu with finding and bringing back the lost children of Africa. Nana Operebea performed the sacred spiritual rites for Nana Yao Opere Dinizulu. Thus began his journey in learning the ways of Akom - the spiritual practices of priests in Ghana. To aid him with his mission, Nana Operebea prepared the shrines of Nana Asuo Gyebi, Nana Esi Ketewa, and Nana Adade Kofi, which he brought back to America. Nana Operebea opened the doors of her shrines and gave Nana Dinizulu his first introduction to the beliefs and rituals of the Akan people. To her credit, Nana Operebea defied the common belief that the **shrines** would not cross the "waters" (ocean). In 1967, Nana Dinizulu formed the spiritual organization of Bosum-Dzemawodzi to restore the Akan cultural legacy lost to African-Americans through their enslavement thus providing a framework for recapturing culture and identity.

After his initial journey, Nana Dinizulu and Nana Operebea communicated frequently and developed a strong bond. She was able to teach him the ways of the shrines and provide him with the foundation of Akom practices. In the spirit of reciprocity, he shared an African-American perspective on significant issues of the time – civil rights, the black power movement, and other religious practices both African and American. In 1970, Nana Operebea ordained Nana Dinizulu in the Akan spiritual system and gave him the title Okomfohene of Akans in America.

The following excerpt is from *Nana Operebea and the Akonedi Shrine: Cultural, Religious and Global Agents* (2014) by Okomfo Dr. Ama Boakyewa

Nana Akua Operebea was a multi-faceted and powerful priest in her own right. With her close associations with Ghana's first president, [Dr.] Kwame Nkrumah and the Convention People's party, she was an astute cultural and political innovator. Emmanuel Akyeampong writes that Nana Operebea and the Ghana Psychic and Traditional Healing Association were part of Nkrumah's 'pursuit of the African personality and identity.' As [Dr.] Nkrumah's spiritual consultant, she also

¹ I would like to thank Nana Esi - Ayisi Dinizulu, Nana Adzua Opere, Nana Nyo Dente, Nana Amoabaa Botwe I, Nana Kodua Ababio, Nana Kojo Ayesu, Nana Kwabena Anan Kyiremantin, Nana Ansa Atei, Nana Operebea Bekoe, and Nana Baakan O. Yirenkyiwa for their help in verifying this information presented about Nana Yao Opere Dinizulu and Nana Akua Operebea.

helped to foster his ‘religious pluralism.’ She extended this pluralism with her transnational cultural coalition with Nana Yao Opare Dinizulu, who was more of an African spiritual purist, With [Nana] Dinizulu, she pioneered an African Diaspora legacy that is far-reaching and influential in the United States with ... trained in service to the Akonnedi Shrine deities of [Nana] Asuo Gyebi, [Nana] Adade Kofi and [Nana] Esi Ketewa. (page 52)

In the spring of 1971, Nana Oparebea made her first of many trips to America. At the time, an Akonedi high priestess was forbidden from crossing the ocean. The shrine’s Osafo (shrine elder) granted special permission for her to undertake the journey. During her historic visit she performed the initiation rites for the first priests in America. In July of that year, Nana Dinizulu chartered a flight to Ghana with one hundred and fifty African-Americans in tow. Again, Mr. Amantefio played a critical role in the success of the trip. When Nana Oparebea saw the entourage that Nana Dinizulu brought to Ghana, she was amazed!

With Nana Oparbea’s introduction to African-Americans, she was able to further her goal of spreading Akan culture in the United States. In 1973, Nana Oparabea established Nana Esi, Nana Adade, Asuo Gyebi, Tegere and others shrines under the direction of Nana Kwabena Brown and his mother, Ohema Iyalode Ida Mae Isaac in Washington, DC and in 1975, she established the Asona Aberade Shrine in Philadelphia - headed by Nana Kwabena Affo aka Arthur Hall.

Nana Okomfohene Akua Oparebea and Nana Yao Opare Dinizulu opened the floodgates of healing and spiritual development to decedents of enslaved Africans. They gave identity and direction to people disconnected from their cultural roots. Their mission of reconnecting African-Americans to their culture has produced hundreds of priests in the United States. We are forever grateful for their pioneering vision, faith, and determination in ensuring that the traditions of our ancestors continue and thrive in the diaspora.

Yedawosee Nananom (We Give Thanks to Founders)

The following shrine houses have emerged as major contributors to Akan culture in the United State.

Known Listing of Akan Shrine Houses in America

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| Bosum-Dzemawodi Washington, DC Chief Priestess: Nana Aba Nsia Opare and Okomfo Nana Yao Odum Founded 1971 | Adade Kofi Shrine Bronx, NY Chief Priest: Nana Kojo Ayesu Founded 1976 |
| Asona Aberade Shrine Philadelphia, PA, Chief Priestess: Nana Korantema Ayebofo Founded 1977 | Asona Aberade Shrine Bronx, NY Chief Priestess: Nana Amma Ansa Atei Founded 1978 |
| The Temple of Nyame, Inc. Washington, DC. Chief Priest: Nana Kwabena Brown Founded 1978 | Circle of Light Society/ASI Akom Spiritual Institute Washington, DC Chief Priestess: Nana Oparebea Bekoe Founded 1982 |
| Spirit Central Washington, DC Chief Priestess: Nana Enyo Takyampong Nana Yaw Yirenskyi Opare Gyebi Founded 1984 | Akan Spiritual United Order (ASUO) Washington, DC Chief Priestess: Nana Akua Amoabaa Botwe I Founded 1984 |
| Abosum Aboame Shrine Hollis, NY Osofo: Nana Owusu Aboagye Founded 1986 | OBAATANPA House of Hope Intl Obaatanpa N'Abosumfie Brooklyn, NY Chief Priestess: Nana Baakan Okukuranpon Yirenskyiwa Founded 1989 |
| Ankobebe Shrine of Afrikans in America (NSAA) Washington, DC Chief Priestess: Nana Akua Nson Akoto Founded 1991 | Banafo Bosumfie Brooklyn, NY Chief Priestess: Nana Akosua Kodia Ababio Akinyemi Founded 1996 |

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| Onipa –Abusia, Inc. ² Jamaica, NY Chief Priestess: Nana Esi-Ayi Dinizulu /Nana Adzua Opare Founded 1997 | Ahumten Shrine House Elon, N.C. Chief Priest is Nana Ata Kwabena Paylor Founded 2002 |
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Partial Listing of Akan Priest in America

| Graduation Year | Okomfo's Name | Shrine | Teacher | State |
|-----------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 1969 | Adzua D.Opare | Nana Oyenni | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Ajaibo Walrod | Nana Dada | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Nii Arist Neequaye | Nana Papla | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| 1973 | Ammaa Ansa Atei | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Akua Oparebea | Nana Akonnedi Shrine, Larteh |
| | Amoke Anan | Nana Esi Ketewaa | Nana Akua Oparebea | Nana Akonnedi Shrine, Larteh |
| | Kwabena Anum Topra | Obrafo Tigare | Nana Akua Oparebea | Nana Akonnedi Shrine, Larteh |
| 1974 | Akosua Baakan | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Akosua Nyo Dinizulu | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Aba Nsia Opare | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Akua Kyerewaa Dinizulu | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Kojo Ansa Ayesu | Nana Adade Kofi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| 1976 | Badu Panyin | Nana Adade Kofi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Ayite Nkromah | Nana Agodo | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Akua Botwe | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Yao Botwe | Obrafo Tigare | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Akosua Nkromah Kuma | Nana Esi Ketewaa | Nana Yao | Bosum- |

² After Nana Yao Oparae Dinizulu's passing, Nana Esi-Ayisi Dinizulu, Nana Adzua Dinizulu Opare, Nana Baakan Dente, and Nana Akosua Nyo Dinizulu were the original members of Bosum-Dzemawodzi that formed Onipa-Abusia.

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| | | | Dinizulu | Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Kofi Abaogyee | Nana Obo Kwesi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Akosua Nson Ketewaa | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| 1978 | Aba Serwaa | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Duku Anokye | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Akosua Badu | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Kwabena Anan | Nana Adade Kofi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Akua Duku | Nana Esi Ketewaa | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Adwoa Ansa Fotowo | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Akua Anum (Deceased) | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Aba Nson Onsuyomi (Deceased) | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Korantema Ayebofo | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Akua Oparebea | Nana Akonnedi Shrine, Larteh |
| 1981 | Afiba Anum | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Amadoma Anan Bediako | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Akua Afriyie Bediako | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Akua Dunyo | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Akua Nson Akoto | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Ama Badu Boakyewa | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Afua Ansa Tyus | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Akosua Dunyo Kodja Ababio | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Abena Nkromah | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Fofie Siriboa Nkromah | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Kofi Nkromah (Deceased) | Nana Adade Kofi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Akosua Panyin (Deceased) | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |

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| 1984 | Afia Akoto | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Yaa Kumi Dinizulu | Nana Kumi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Akosua Anan Aboagye(Deceased) | Nana Esi Ketewaa | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Aba Dente | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Yaa Densewaa | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| 1987 | Ama Oparebea | Nana Asuo Gybei | Nana Akua Oparebea, Nana Nsia Dennis | Nana Akonnedi Shrine, Larteh |
| | Kwesi Duku | Obo Kwesi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Akua Dunyo | Nana Esi Ketewaa | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Abena Nkromah | Nana Asuo Botopre | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Ama Nsiao | Nan Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Kojo Koroma | Nana Adade Kofi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Abena Koroma | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Afia Anan Dunbar | Nana Asuo Botopre | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Afua Ansa Ababio | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Akua Akoto | Nana Esi Ketewaa | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Akosua Anan | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | Ama Serwaa | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| | 1990 | Akua Anum Agyeman | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu |
| Yeboah Duku | | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| Amma Eniwa Ababio | | Bosumba - Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu | Bosum-Dzemawodi, NY |
| 1994 | Kwame Baakan Osunwale | Nana Asuo Gyebi, Osun | Nana Aba Osunyomi Afolabi | AYONAA, NY |
| | Ama Nyamekye Onsunfemu | Nana Asuo Gyebi, Osun | Nana Aba Osunyomi | AYONAA, NY |

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| | | | Afolabi | |
| | Kofi Aseidu Ofori | Nana Kwaku Okaaku Obosomfo | Nana Kwaku Ofori, Nana Oparebea Bekoe, Nana Kwaku Ofori | Circle of Light Society, DC |
| | Baakan Anima | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Oparebea Bekoe | Circle of Light Society, DC |
| | Yaa Abradua | Nana Esi Ketewaa | Nana Oparebea Bekoe | Circle of Light Society, DC |
| | Akua Enum Oparebea (Nana Malaya) | Nana Densu Yao | Nana Amoabaa Botwe Attakora | Akan Spiritual United Order, MD |
| 1995 | Efua Badu Osundara | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yao Dinizulu, Nana Adzua Opare | Onipa Abusia, NY |
| | Akua Duku | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Esi Dinizulu/Nana Adzua Opare | Onipa Abusia, NY |
| | Akua Kyerewaa Opokuwaa | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Esi Dinizulu, Nana Adzua Opare | Onipa Abusia, NY |
| | Ama Sofiwaa | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Esi Dinizulu, Nana Adzua Opare | Onipa Abusia, NY |
| | Akua Anan | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Esi Dinizulu, Nana Adzua Opare | Onipa Abusia, NY |
| | Kofi Nkromah | Nana Adade Kofi | Nana Esi Dinizulu, Nana Adzua Opare | Onipa Abusia, NY |
| | Kwame Amoa Badu | Nana Afram | Nana Amoabaa Botwe Attakora | Larteh |
| 1997 | Afua Fofie Nkroma | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Amoabaa Botwe Attakora | Akan Spiritual United Order, MD |
| | Adwoa Nsia Serwaa | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Oparebea Bekoe | Circle of Light Society, DC |
| | Akua Korentemaa Anum | Nana Adade Kofi | Nana | Circle of Light |

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| | | | Oparebea Bekoe | Society, DC |
| | Kofi Ansa Osunniyi | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Bakaan Yirenkyiwa | OBAATANPA N' ABOSUMFIE, NY |
| 1998 | Kwame Amoa Badu | Nana Afrim | Nana Kwesi Oppong | Koforidua, Ghana |
| 1999 | Ama Nyamekye | Nana Adade Kofi | Nana Oparebea Bekoe | Circle of Light Society, DC |
| | Adwoa Amoa | Nana Akwesi | Nana Oparebea Bekoe | Circle of Light Society, DC |
| | Akua Nyo | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Oparebea Bekoe | Circle of Light Society, DC |
| | Fofie Nson | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Oparebea Bekoe | Circle of Light Society, DC |
| | Esi Badu Aboagye | Nana Esi Ketewaa | Nana Oparebea Bekoe | Circle of Light Society, DC |
| | Kwadjo Boadu, Hodari Burkett (deceased) | Nana Tigare | Nana Kwame Boadu, Nana Akosua Nsia Dennis | Apecuso, Ghana |
| 2000 | Akua Anima | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Oparebea Bekoe | Circle of Light Society, DC |
| | Yaa Abradua | Nana Adade Kofi | Nana Oparebea Bekoe | Circle of Light Society, DC |
| | Kwame Ansah | Nana Boafo | Nana Oparebea Bekoe | Circle of Light Society, DC |
| | Efia Nsia Asantewaa | Nana Asuo Boafo | Nana Kwaku Abass | Ghana |
| | Abena Baakan Agyiriwa | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Bakaan Yirenkyiwa | OBAATANPA N' ABOSUMFIE, NY |
| | Ama Baakan Aboagyewa Tanks | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Adwoa Barkan Aforwaa, Nana Akosua Nsia Dennis | Larteh, Ghana |
| 2001 | Akosua Nyo Agyiriwah | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Nsia | Larteh |

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| | | | Dennis | |
| | Adwoa Tacheampong | Nana Adade Kofi | Nana Nsia Dennis | Larteh |
| 2002 | Kwesi Nyo Nkromah | Nana Yaw Sekyi | Nana Kwame Amanfu, Nana Kodia Ababio | Banafo, NY |
| | Fofie Anum | Nana Sankofa | Nana Oparebea Bekoe | Circle of Light Society, DC |
| 2003 | Kwabena Frempong | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Agyei Akoto, Nana Akua Akoto, Nana Afia Akoto, Nana Ansa Atei, Nana Kwesi Appong | NSAA, DC |
| | Akua Kyerematin | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Akua Ansah Atei, Nana Kwame Agyei Akoto | NSAA, DC |
| | Yaa Asentewa | Obosumfo, Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Akua Ansah Atei, Nana Kwame Agyei Akoto | NSAA, DC |
| | Akua Agyeiman | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Akua Ansah Atei, Nana Kwame Agyei Akoto | NSAA, DC |
| | Esi Entwiwaah | Odunsini, Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Akua Ansah Atei, Nana Kwame Agyei Akoto | NSAA, DC |
| | Afia Aboagyewah | Nana Sankofa | Nana Akua Ansah Atei, Nana Kwame Agyei Akoto | NSAA, DC |
| | Ama Safowah | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Akua Ansah Atei, Nana Kwame Agyei Akoto | NSAA, DC |
| | Yaa Serwaa | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Akua Ansah Atei, Nana Kwame Agyei Akoto | NSAA, DC |
| | Ama Nyamekye | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Akua Ansah Atei, | NSAA, DC |

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| | | | Nana Kwame Agyei Akoto | |
| | Kweku Opare | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Akua Ansah Atei, Nana Kwame Agyei Akoto | NSAA, DC |
| | Kofi Ampong | Obosomfo, Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Akua Ansah Atei, Nana Kwame Agyei Akoto | NSAA, DC |
| | Afua Aseiduwah | Nana Asuo Gyebi, Odunsuni | Nana Akua Ansah Atei, Nana Kwame Agyei Akoto | NSAA, DC |
| | Afia Sunkwa | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Akua Ansah Atei, Nana Kwame Agyei Akoto | NSAA, DC |
| | Kofi Dankwa | Obrafo, Nana Sankofa | Nana Akua Ansah Atei, Nana Kwame Agyei Akoto | NSAA, DC |
| | Agyei Osei | Obrafo, Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Akua Ansah Atei, Nana Kwame Agyei Akoto | NSAA, DC |
| | Kojo Opare | Nana Akwesi | Nana Operebea Bekoe | Circle of Light Society, DC |
| 2004 | Efua Ansa | Nana Esi Ketewaa | Nana Esi Dinizulu | Onipa Abusia, NY |
| | Kwabena Anan | Nana Tigare | Nana Esi Dinizulu | Onipa Abusia, NY |
| | Efia Nsia | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Esi Dinizulu | Onipa Abusia, NY |
| | Afiba Nson Amoa | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Esi Dinizulu | Onipa Abusia, NY |
| | Yaa Botwe Agyeiwa | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Esi Dinizulu | Onipa Abusia, NY |
| 2005 | Kwesi Ansa (Lateef) | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Kodia Ababio | Banafo, NY |
| | Kwesi Anum Amoa | Nana Atinga | Nana Kwame Amanfu, Nana Kodia Ababio | Banafo, NY |
| | Amobiye Nsia | Nana Esi Ketewaa | Nana Kodia Ababio | Banafo, NY |
| | Ayesu Botwe | Obrafo | Nana Kodia | Banafo, NY |

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| | | | Ababio | |
| | Kofi Anan | Asuofiri | Nana Kodia Ababio | Banafo, NY |
| | Kofi Osei Ababio | Nana Adade Kofi | Nana Yaw Yirenkyi | Nyame Bekyere, Ghana |
| 2006 | Kofi Botwe Kyerematin (Zulu) | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Akua Kyerewa | AFSANI, DC |
| | Yao Ansa Dankwaa (Barrington) | Obrafo Tigare | Nana Akua Kyerewa | AFSANI, DC |
| | Abena Nkurmah | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Akua Kyerewa | AFSANI, DC |
| | Yaa Amoaba Badu | Nan Asuo Gyebi | Nana Amoabaa Botwe Attakora | Akan Spiritual United Order, MD |
| | Yaa Nwotiwaa | Nan Asuo Gyebi | Nana Amoabaa Botwe Attakora | Akan Spiritual United Order, MD |
| | Yaw Nkrumah | Osafo | Nana Amoabaa Botwe Attakora | Akan Spiritual United Order, MD |
| | Yaa Aso Nyo | Nana Esi Ketewaa | Nana Mansa | Abosome Aboame, Ejisu Kumasi |
| 2007 | Abena Baakan Attaa | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Enyo Tacheampong | Spirit Central, DC |
| | Adwoa Tano | Nana Asuo Tano (Taa Kwadwo) | Nana Enyo Tacheampon, Nana Kwame Asare Tano | Spirit Central, DC, Tano Fie, Larteh |
| | Afua Ansa | Nana Adade Kofi | Nana Enyo Tacheampon | Spirit Central, DC |
| | Aku Badu | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Esi, Nana Adzua Opore | Onipa- Abusia,, NY |
| | Adzua Ayesua Duku | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Esi, Nana Adzua Opore | Onipa- Abusia,, NY |
| | Akua Baakan Asantewaa | Nana Adade Kofi | Nana Ansah Oporebea II | Larteh |
| | Akosua Nwotwewaa | Nana Adade Kofi | Nana Oporebea Bekoe | Circle of Light Society, DC |
| | Ama Badu | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Oporebea | Circle of Light Society, DC |

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| | | | Bekoe | |
| | Kwame Ansa Adade | Nana Adade Kofi | Nana Owusu, Nana Amankwa, Nana Mansa | Ejisu, Ghana |
| 2008 | Akosua Baakan Yisrael | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Kojo Ayesu, Nana Akua Ansah Atei | Adade Kofi Shrine, NY |
| | Kwao Agyeman | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Akua Ansah Atei, Nana kwame Agyei Akoto | NSAA, DC |
| | Afua Serwaa | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Akua Ansah Atei, Nana Kwame Agyei Akoto | NSAA, DC |
| | Abena Amankwa | Obosomfo, Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Akua Ansah Atei, Nana kwame Agyei Akoto | NSAA, DC |
| 2009 | Akua Baakan Onyamekye | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Kodia Ababio | Banafo, NY |
| | Kwabena Nson Nkromah | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Kodia Ababio | Banafo, NY |
| | Kwabena Nkroma Addom | Nana Asuofiri | Nana Kodia Ababio | Banafo, NY |
| | Akosua Amoa Anum Yeboah | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Kodia Ababio | Banafo, NY |
| | Akua Anan Agyapon | Nana Esi Ketewaa | Nana Kodia Ababio | Banafo, NY |
| | Ama Duku Ababio | Nana Esi Ketewaa | Nana Kodia Ababio | Banafo, NY |
| | Kwabeda Duku Asiedu | Nana Adade Kofi | Nana Amoabaa Botwe Attakora | Akan Spiritual United Order, MD |
| | Abena Nyarkua (Nayo Akowe) | Nana Densu Yao | Nana Okore | Akwadum Densuagya, Koforidua |
| | Yaa Nyo Oparebea | Nana Adade Kofi | Nana Afouah Barkang | Nana Akonnedi Shrine, Larteh |
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| | Abena Oparebea | Nana Esi Ketewaa | Nana Oparebea | Circle of Light Society, DC |

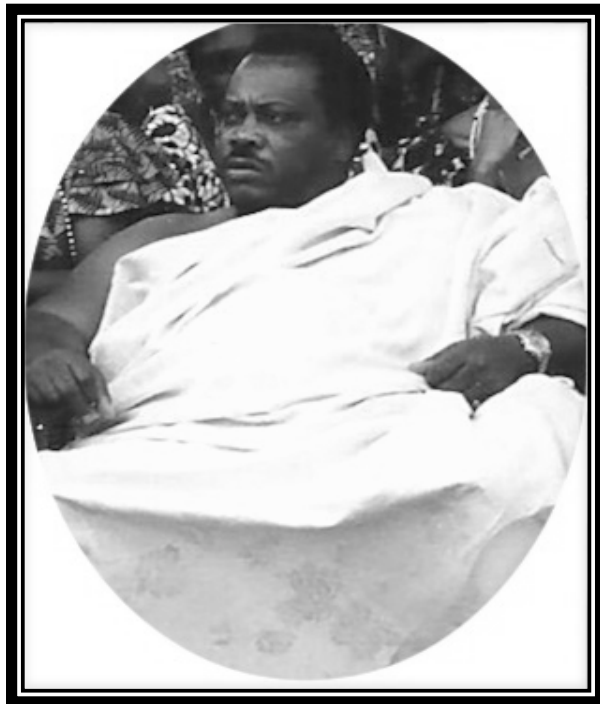
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| | Kweku Anokye | Nana Sankofa | Nana Oparebea Bekoe | Circle of Light Society, DC |
| 2010 | Besabia Nyo Bekoe | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Oparebea Bekoe | Circle of Light Society, DC |
| | Sekyiwaa Nsia Bekoe | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Oparebea Bekoe | Circle of Light Society, DC |
| 2011 | Kwame Nson | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Osei Ababio, Nana Yaw Yirenkyi | Banafo, NY |
| | Abena Anum | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Osei Ababio, Nana Yaw Yirenkyi | Banafo, NY |
| | Yaa Nsia | Nana Adade Kofi | Nana Osei Ababio, Nana Yaw Yirenkyi | Banafo, NY |
| | Ama Baakan (Jamila) | Nana Esi Ketewaa | Nana Afua Ababio | Banafo, NY |
| | Afia Nyo (Dorcass) | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Afua Ababio | Banafo, NY |
| | Akosua Baakan | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Kwabena Brown | Temple of Nyame, DC |
| | Akua Anima Ansah (G) | Nana Esi Ketewa | Nana Afouah Barkang | Nana Akonnedi Shrine, Larteh |
| | Akosua Baakyn | Nana Esi Ketewa | Nana Kwabena Brown | Shrine of Asuo Gyebi, Nana Esi, Tegare, Yemoja and Afa of Washington DC |
| 2012 | Yaa Yaa Anan Agyeiwa | Nana Asua Botopre | Nana Esi Dinizulu, Nana Adzua Opere | Onipa Abusia, NY |
| | Adzua Anum | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Esi Dinizulu, Nana Adzua Opere | Onipa Abusia, NY |
| | Aba Nson | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Esi Dinizulu, Nana Adzua Opere | Onipa Abusia, NY |
| | Abeniya Bowte | Nana Asuo Botopre | Nana Esi Dinizulu, Nana Adzua Opere | Onipa Abusia, NY |
| | Ama Dunyo | Nana Esi Ketewa | Nana Esi Dinizulu, Nana | Onipa Abusia, NY |

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| | | | Adzua Opare | |
| | Ama Baakan Akyia | Nana Obo Kwesi | Nana Efia Asantewaa | Sankofa Abusua Fie, Raleigh, NC |
| 2013 | Kwame Boateng | Obosomfo, Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Akua Nson Akoto, Nana Akua Ansah Atei, Nana Kwame Agyei Akoto | NSAA, DC |
| | Abena Nkansa | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Akua Nson Akoto, Nana Akua Ansah Atei, Nana Kwame Agyei Akoto | NSAA, DC |
| | Adjoa Bahenema | Obosomfo, Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Akua Nson Akoto, Nana Akua Ansah Atei, Nana Kwame Agyei Akoto | NSAA, DC |
| | Kwadwo Sarpong | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Akua Nson Akoto, Nana Akua Ansah Atei, Nana Kwame Agyei Akoto | NSAA, DC |
| | Kwesi Boakum | Obrafo, Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Akua Nson Akoto, Nana Akua Ansah Atei, Nana Kwame Agyei Akoto | NSAA, DC |
| | Afia Baakan | Nana Esi Ketewa | Nana Osei Ababio, Nana Yaw Yirenkyi | Banafo Bosumfie, Inc. |
| | Afia nyo | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Osei Ababio, Nana Yaw Yirenkyi | Banafo Bosumfie, Inc. |
| | 2014 | Kwabena Duku (Diallo Sumbry) | Nana Adade Kofi | Nana Yaw Yirenkyi, Nana Enyo Tacheampong |
| Allison Skeets | | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yaw Yirenkyi, Nana Enyo Tacheampong | Spirit Central, DC |

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| | Deidra | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yaw Yirenkyi, Nana Enyo Tacheampong | Spirit Central, DC |
| | Makeda | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Yaw Yirenkyi, Nana Enyo Tacheampong | Spirit Central, DC |
| 2016 | Aba Ansa | Nana Esi Ketewa | Nana Esi Dinizulu, Nana Adzua Opere | Onipa Abusia, NY |
| | Akosua Anan | Nana Asuo Gyebi | Nana Esi Dinizulu, Nana Adzua Opere | Onipa Abusia, NY |

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Contact: Please contact any of the committee members to have your name added to the list.



In Memory of
Nana Okomfohene Yao Dinizulu
 Father of Akan Religion in America
 1931-1991



In Memory of
Nana Okomfohema Akua Operebea
 Mother of Akan Religion in America
 1900-1995

Akan Spiritual United Order (ASUO)

Okomfohema Nana Akua Amoabaa Botwe 1

The unification of the people comes from the understanding of the oneness of God. ASUO, a Nana Asuo Gyebi Shrine House is dedicated to the spiritual upliftment of the African Family. Our leader, Okomfohema Nana Akua Amoabaa Botwe 1 was enstooled in Ghana. ASUO connects individuals through training, healing workshops and resolving conflicts within the family network. ASUO provides uniquely blended family centered events, spiritual monthly cleansings and projects to support community interactions.



Okomfohema Nana Akua Amoabaa Botwe with trainees and shrine members

ASUO supports two non-profit organizations that provide services to underserved communities. Soul Journey Inc, a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization, is an African spiritual faith-based organization that provides psychological and social services to families in Washington, DC, Virginia, and Maryland. Hands-On-Spirituality Workshops are offered to participants looking to understand African cultural systems, gain spiritual insight, and reconnect with African principles through travel exchanges with cultural systems in Ghana. Ambassadors of Spiritual United Order Inc. creates and manages social service programs for communities in need. African spirituality is incorporated with general psychological principles for the purpose of educating and improving the well-being of individuals, families and the community at large.

For more informatuon call

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Wishing you the blessing of the Gods and Ancestors



ONIPA - ABUSIA

Onipa-Abusia is an Akan religious organization that was established in 1997 to promote African Religious and Cultural practices. Its mission is to establish, maintain and provide a place of public worship to conduct services for divine African worship and religious observance.

To conduct religious practices and rites in: Edin Toa (Naming Rites), Ye Goro Bra (Puberty Rites), Marriage Rites, and Ayie (Funerral Rites).

We are forever grateful to have sat at the feet

of

Nana Yao Opare Dinizulu 1 and Nana Okomfohene Akua Oparebea

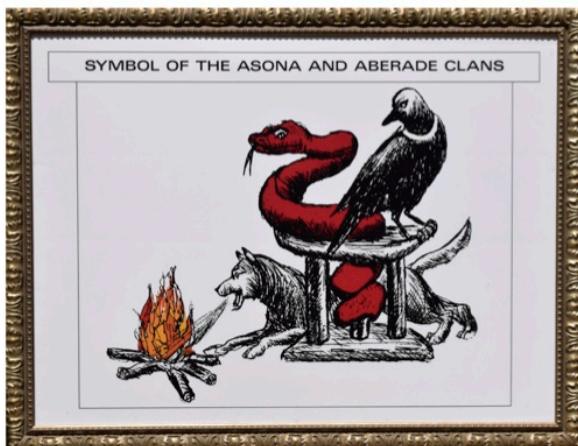


Okomfohene Nana Esi-Ayisi Dinizulu



Okomfohene Nana Adzua D. Opare

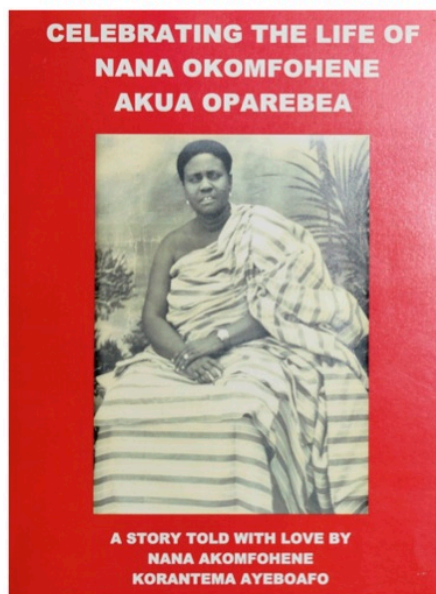
FOR ALL AKANS IN AMERICA!
Greetings of UNITY – BIAKOYE! – From The
Asona Aberade Shrine, Inc. of Philadelphia,



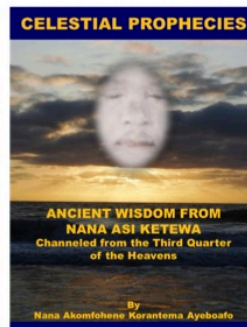
- Founded in 1977 by Nana Okomfohene Akua Oparebea, Nana Kwabena Afo (Arthur Hall), and members of the Arthur Hall Afro American Dance Ensemble
- Founding & Life President, Nana Okomfohene Akua Oparebea of the Nene Akonnedi Shrine, Larteh, Ghana
- Current President, Nana Akomfohene Korantemaa Ayebofo – Designated in 2002 the Head of All Akomfo in North America, as the Formal Representative of the Osofo of the Nene Akonnedi Shrine of Larteh, Ghana

SAVE THE DATE! September 30, 2017! Come to Philadelphia to Celebrate the 40 Year Anniversary of the Asona Aberade Shrine, Inc.

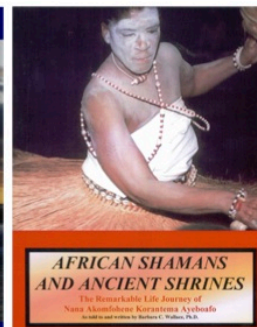
- StarSpirit International, Inc. celebrates 17 years, as an initiative of the Asona Aberade Shrine, Inc.
- Nana Akomfohene Korantemaa Ayebofo, Chief Creative Officer
- StarSpirit is a 501-C3 and NGO with a record of service in the areas of health, education, and economic development in Larteh, Ghana
- Go to www.StarSpirit.com to learn more, and to order these acclaimed books from StarSpirit Press:



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 - By Nana Akomfohene Korantemaa Ayebofo



African Shamans and Ancient Shrines: The Remarkable Life Journey of Nana Akomfohene Korantemaa Ayebofo - As told to and written by Barbara Wallace



Congratulations!

According to the wisdom of the elders: the future of the society rest on the shoulder of the youth.

This gathering is a wonderful testament to the work of our founders and a testament to all who have dedicated their life to living a pure and productive life through Akom practices.

Nana Says - The five fingers are not equal, but they all play an important role.

Job well done!

Nana Akosua Kodua Ababio

Banafo Bosumfie Inc.

Founded 1996

A family is only as strong as a foundation upon which it is built. We of the Banafo Bosumfie, Inc. bring forth our family unity and dedicate ourselves to propagation of Akan tradition and culture. It is our mission to help and empower all people of African descent by

- 1. Recognizing the omnipotence of Nyakopon Kwame and therefore placing him first and foremost in our lives.**
- 2. Teaching our children the history of our ancestors so they may always maintain their heritage.**
- 3. Instilling within ourselves strength and humility.**
- 4. Providing spiritual upliftment by bringing the Abosum into the lives of each individual who seek their help.**
- 5. Living the lifestyle that reflects tenants of Akan culture and tradition.**

The Banafo Bosumfie, Inc seeks to create a community and a family unbroken, unmarred, and untainted by the misdeeds of others. Through our commitment we seek to be strengthened by our ancestral bond and to carry on our tradition and culture as Akan people.

Obaatanpa House of Hope International

OBAATANPA N' ABOSUMFIE

Nana Baakan Okukuranpon Yirenkyiwa, Head Priestess

In the language of the Akan people, OBAATANPA means "good and caring woman and mother" or "responsible father". OBAATANPA is also an appellation, or praise name for Onyame (Almighty God), so we also say,



"Obaatanpa Onyame", to refer to the omnipotence of his caring and healing powers. These powers are manifested through the abosum (dieties), and through the divine works of our traditional African priests, healers, and other caring women and men of our order. OBAATANPA House of Hope International; Obaatanpa N'Abosumfie dedicates itself to the spiritual, educational, cultural, and socioeconomic upliftment of African communities worldwide. We seek harmony and balance with our communities and people of goodwill who respect the traditions of our ancestors.

We are affiliated with Akan Spiritual United Order (ASUO), which is a branch of the Nana Akonedi Shrine of Kubease, Larteh, in Ghana West Africa. We are proud sponsors of the Nana Asuo Gyebi Afahye at the annual International African Arts Festival held in Brooklyn.

We offer priesthood training and ordination, and traditional healing through the Akan system in particular, and through all systems of our ancestral lineages.

Our Motto: Akom Nie! Eduro Nie! Efritete

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Nana Oparebea Bekoe, Chief Priestess
Sumankwahene Obrie Bekoe
Okomfo Panyin Adjua Sewaa



We believe in the existence of a world of spirit beings that co-exist with the physical world. We believe that the earth has layers, that there are infinite realms and portals that house the many spirits that have been created by Odomonkuma.

We seek advice from the spirit world with our healing work. We believe in order to help heal a person we must consult the soul of a person, their ancestors, the spirit of the medicine, and our abosom or spirit guides. This is an holistic approach to healing the whole person not just the body.

We offer several services to the community:

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| General Initiation into Akom | Spiritual Consultations |
| Purification Rites | Naming Ceremony |
| Community Libations | Women's Rites of Passage |
| Spiritual Healing Sessions | Initiation in the Priesthood of Akom |
| House Cleansing | Wedding Ceremonies |
| Seperation Rites | Massage Therapy |

Reiki

Congratulations!

To all in celebrating the 45th years of Akan
tradition in America

This is a great opportunity for the various shrines
of the Nana Akonedi Shrine to celebrate Nana
Panyin, Nana Akonedi.

In previous times, the priests were called,
"Akonedi Okomfo", not Adade's Kofi, Asuo Gyebi
or Nana Esi Ketewa or other.

It is time that we make the consideration to unite
under that identification. After all without Nana
Panyin, we wouldn't be priests.



**Abusiapanyin Nana Kojo
Ayesu**

Regards,

Nana Kojo Abradu Araw Ayesu
Abusiapanyin Abradu Araw Family³
Larteh Kubease, Ghana
Okomfohene of the Nana Adade Kofi Shrine, USA

³ The Abradu Araw Family owns the land that houses the Nana Akonedi Shrine.

THE ANCIENT SACRED HOME-NANA AKONEDI SHRINE-LARTEH KUBEASE

(CHIEF HIGH PREST-OSOFO NANA ABRADU).

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NANA ADADE KOFI SHRINE HOUSE OF USA

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ABUSUAPANYIN NANA KOJO ABRADU ABRAW AYESU

The leadership of the Ancient Sacred Home-Nana Akonedi Shrine of Larteh Kubease do hereby Certify that the above named Okomfopanyin, Nana Kojo Ayesu was elected this year and has been duly installed as "Abusuapanyin" thus the Head of the Abradu Araw family of the Agyimansu Clan in Larteh Kubease in the Akuapem North District of the Eastern Region of the Republic of Ghana, West Africa.

Traditional Rites were performed besides his installation ceremony held at the premises of the Ancient Sacred Home of the Nana Akonedi Shrine on Wednesday, 30th September, 2009.

He succeeded the Late Abusuapanyin Nana Kwabena Abradu Araw therefore he shall bear the official name in this capacity as Abusuapanyin Nana Kojo Abradu Araw Ayesu.

The Abredu Araw family of the Agyimansu clan of Larteh Kubease owns the Ancient Sacred Home that hosts the Nana Akonedi Shrine and the position of his Headship (Abusuapanyin) is paramount in the leadership at the Shrine both home and abroad.

This occasion is in tune with the structuring of the leadership at the Shrine in harmony to include representation of our brothers and sisters both in Ghana and abroad. Obligated to his Vow, he shall deal with all manner of persons in accordance to the best mode of conduct and humanity.

It is also appropriate that all Shrines and Shrine members of the Nana Akonedi Shrine acknowledge his Headship and co-operate with him.

The leadership of the Shrine at Larteh Kubease do crave the indulgence of our brothers and sisters around the world in this matter for their support.

Long live our newly installed Abusuapanyin, Nana Kojo Abradu Abraw Ayesu.

God our creator and Nananom bless you all.

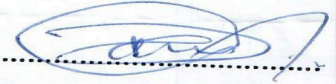
As declared this dayof October, 2009 by leadership.



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The Chief High Priest- Nana Akonedi Shrine
Osofo, Nana Abredu.


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Okomfopanyin Nana Annsah
Head Priestess



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Opanyin Kwame Abradu
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Abusuapanyin Kofi Danquah
General Warden


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Okomfo Ama Otubea
Priestess



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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We the Elders Nana Baafour Gyebi Larbi Chief Priest of Asuo Gyebi Shrine, Nana Kwasi Agyiri Richardson, Chief Elder of Asuo Gyebi Shrine and Nana Adjoa Afoah Senior Priestesses of Asuo Gyebi Shrine, Larteh Kubease Ghana, wish to express our appreciation for the elevation of Nana Kojo Ayesu to the position of (Okomfo Panin) Chief Priest of Nana Adade Kofi Shrine.

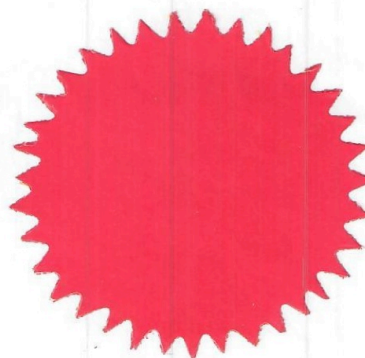
We wholeheartedly support his appointment, and will give our full support to enable him perform his role and duties.

Dated this 5th day of August 2009.

1. Nana Baafour Gyebi Larbi

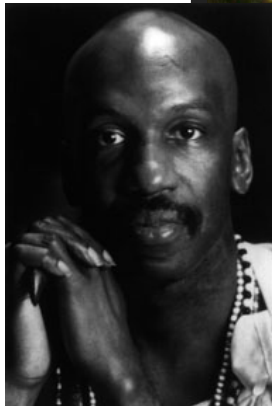
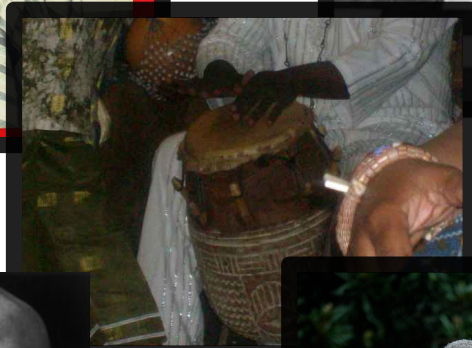
2. Nana Kwasi Agyiri Richardson

3. Nana Adjoa Afoah
HER RTP

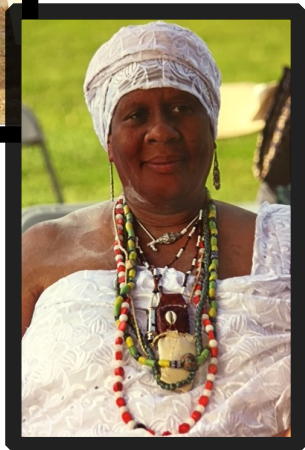


Member of Ghana physician traditional healing association.

AKOM LIFE THROUGH THE YEARS







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The organizing Committee would like to give a heartfelt thank you to all the people and organizations who contributed both big and small to the success of this event.

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Abosum Aboame Shrine

Nyamekye Nkroma
Akua Baakan Asantewaa

Nana Amadoma

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We Give Thanks



Special acknowledgement and thanks to Nana Okomfpanyin Nsiasa Dennis of Kubease, Larteh for her efforts in teaching and promoting Akom in the U.S. With the authorization and support of Nana Oparebea and Nana Dinizulu I, Nana Nsiasa came to the U.S., and helped and taught many through her knowledge of akom rituals, songs, dances, herbology, and healing. She was always available to help lay people and priests any way she could. Nana Nsiasa also trained a line of akomfo, and helped other akomfo develop their shrine houses and celebrate their annual festivals. Nana Nsiasa served as Nana Oparebea's official representative, and cared for her whenever she came to the U.S. In honor of Nana Okomfohene Oparebea, Nana Nsiasa named her shrine house after her.





Special thanks to Okomfo Nyamekye Donkor. Thank you for being the official lead for Akom songs. We appreciate you. This event could not have been a success without your support.

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We appreciate your willingness to provide exceptional photography for Akom Kese 2016.



Special thanks to my wife, Andrea A. Amoa, Esq. Thank you for the countless hours of support. Love always Kwesi

A special thank you to Okomfo Efua Badu. Thank you for organizing the transportation from DC to NY. You are loved and appreciated.

